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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph after BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS on page 9, line 9.

The invention is best understood from the following detailed description when read in connection with the accompanying drawing. It is emphasized that, according to common practice, the various features of the drawing are not to scale. On the contrary, the dimensions of the various features are arbitrarily expanded or reduced for clarity. Included in the drawing are the following figures:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 3, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a diagram showing one example of an image reading apparatus of a contact image sensor type for reading a light transmitting original. Referring to Fig. 1, the image reading apparatus of the contact image sensor type comprises a contact image sensor (CIS) unit 61 in a main body 62. A top surface of the main body 62 comprises an original base 63 made of a glass plate. The contact image sensor unit 61 is arranged in the proximity of the glass plate. A light transmitting original 64 is placed onto the original base 63. A light source 65 is provided upstream of the original base 63, and comprises a light guide plate and LEDs for sequentially emitting three light of red (R)-, green (G)-, and blue (B). The area light source 65 is incorporated in an original cover (not shown) or is replaced with the original cover upon reading the light transmitting original 64.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 42, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

By forming the smooth, fine, and even ~~uneven~~ portion on the surface of the original base 2d, the amount of scattered rays can be reduced and the deterioration of characteristics for reading the image can be suppressed. Further, since the adhesion of the light transmitting original resulting in the Newton rings is prevented, the light transmitting original can directly be placed on the glass surface and the external intensity of the glass plate can be increased.